

14 REMOTE-CONTROLLED TANKS ARE DESTROYED NEAR ROME BY THE ALLIED ARTILLERY; NONE REACH ALLIED LINES

Believed To Be Hitler's Long-Discussed Secret Weapon—Each Loaded with 1,000-Pound Explosives Set Off by Radio—Heavy Fighting Breaks Out at The Anzio Beachhead Area Again.

ALGIERS, Mar. 1.—(INS).—Fourteen remote-controlled tanks loaded with 1,000-pound explosives set off by radio—perhaps Adolf Hitler's long-discussed secret weapon—were disclosed today to have been destroyed before they got away from their lines.

Revelation of the enemy's new-type war machine was made by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland's headquarters coincident with announcement that heavy fighting has broken out again in the Anzio beachhead area, indicating the third Nazi effort to drive Fifth Army troops from their positions is under way. No details of this new battle are available. The Germans sought twice to crack the Allied line under cover of darkness, but were hurled back each time, headquarters said. The "Nazi robot-tank" guided to

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Explains Manufacture of Anti-Aircraft Shells

ANDALUSIA, Mar. 1.—Bensalem Rotary Club was addressed last evening by Joseph H. Robinson, of the Hunter Manufacturing Corp. Mr. Robinson entertained with many humorous stories, and then proceeded to explain some of the steps in the manufacture of 20 mm. anti-aircraft shells.

The shells consist of three major parts, a fuze, projectile and case. The fuze, he explained, is made up of a zinc case containing a detonator, holding a 250mg. booster pellet of tetryl. The pellet is crimped in, to prevent premature explosion by jarring. Directly behind the fuze is the projectile which contains three pellets of tetryl, each weighing four gms. These are placed in the projectile under pressure of 14 tons. This fuze is then attached, care being taken to see that it does not contact the explosive charge. The case is filled with the propelling charge of smokeless powder, and the fuze and projectile attached.

The fuze of the finished shell is then painted gray or red; the red denotes H. E. I., or high explosive incendiary; while gray denotes H. E. T., or high explosive tracer. Shells are fed to the gun in a clip of eight, every fourth or fifth one being a tracer to help the gunner correct his aim. They leave the muzzle of a gun at a velocity of 1275 feet per second, having an effective range of 1500 feet, and are fired at the rate of 470 per minute.

Also present at the meeting was George F. Moran, who accompanied Mr. Robinson and who is also associated with the Hunter Corporation. Otto Grupp, of Bristol Rotary Club, was a visitor. Elmer B. Vansant presided.

HOSTESS AT DINNER

Mrs. Horace C. Schmidt, Otter street, retiring matron of Morning Star Chapter, No. 295, Order of the Eastern Star, was hostess at dinner at Bowen's Restaurant on Monday evening. Guests of Mrs. Schmidt were her officers and committee chairman. Covers were arranged for 35.

LOCAL WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 8 A. M., AT ROHM & HAAS WEATHER OBSERVATORY, BRISTOL, PA.

Temperature Readings	
Maximum	35 F
Minimum	27 F
Range	8 F
Hourly Temperatures	
8 a. m. yesterday	35
9	35
10	34
11	33
12 noon	33
1 p. m.	32
2	32
3	32
4	33
5	33
6	33
7	34
8	32
9	32
10	31
11	30
12 midnight	29
1 a. m. today	29
2	29
3	29
4	29
5	28
6	28
7	27
8	27
P. C. Relative Humidity	69
Precipitation (inches)	.10
	melted snow
TIDES AT BRISTOL	
High water	9.13 a. m., 9.38 p. m.
Low water	3.46 a. m., 4.18 p. m.

Farewell Function Is Tendered Navy Recruit

TULLYTOWN, Mar. 1.—Classmates and other friends tendered a farewell party on Sunday for Martin Sessa, Morrisville, who leaves tomorrow to commence training with the U. S. Navy. The party was held at the home of Miss Ruth Batten, near here. A social time was enjoyed with games and dancing.

Refreshments were served to: Marion Hartley, Rose Mary Law, Esther Effinger, Dorothy Drews, Ethel Clark, Falls Township; Frances Pezza, Anna Mae Stake, Ruth Batten, John Shill, Tullytown; Lester Heller, Richard Davis, Wilmer Drews, Austin Appenzeller, Claude Argenti, Martin Sessa, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chamberlain, Falls Township; Miss Norma Force, Philadelphia; Miss Clara Wright, Newtown; Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Batten, and Pvt. John Glerum, a former member of the class, now stationed at Lowry Field, Colo.

PURPLE HEART AWARD; WOUNDED IN ITALY

PFC V. Neuman, Trumbauersville, Recipient of Honors from Gov't

VISITED BY GENERAL

TRUMB АуЕРSVILLE, Mar. 1.—Pfc. Vincent Neuman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Neuman, has been awarded the Purple Heart following wounds received in action in Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Neuman recently received a letter from their son, who briefly described the presentation, which took place in a hospital, where he was receiving treatment. Stating he was compelled to remain in bed because of his inability to walk, Pfc. Neuman wrote the soldiers were surprised when a general came into the hospital. When the officer reached Neuman's bed, he leaned over and pinned the medal on the soldier's shirt. The general, wrote Pfc. Neuman, congratulated him, wished him luck and asked him where he had been hit. Much to the surprise of Pfc. Neuman, the officer, Pfc. Neuman learned later, was General Mark Clark, commander of the Fifth Division, which has seen much action in Italy.

Pvt. Neuman who recently celebrated his 19th birthday anniversary, was graduated from Quakertown high school last year, and was a member of the Future Craftsmen of America. The young man received his infantry training at Camp Shelby, Miss. He arrived in North Africa in November, 1943, and in Italy on December 15.

AMONG SHOW WINNERS

A Bristol soldier, Cpl. Dominic A. Sagolla, Dorrance street, is among the winners at the U. S. Forces Arts and Hobbies Exhibition in London. Cpl. Sagolla's entry was in the aeroplane model class. All of the entries were strictly products of leisure-time work. It is stated. The winners are to receive war bonds and citations. Cpl. Sagolla's name was listed among the winners announced in "The Stars and Stripes," the serviceman's publication.

MR. SMITH IMPROVING

Adam Smith, of Walnut street, who has been seriously ill at his home, is improving.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the war in every part of the world is in its most critical stage requiring every ounce of human endeavor possible on the part of those on the home front; and

WHEREAS, the young men of our borough are fighting and dying on far-flung battle-fronts—from Europe to the Islands of the Pacific and in the Far East, both on land, on the seas and in the air; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the privilege, but the duty as well, of every American to serve the Cause of Humanity to as great an extent as possible, and in every way possible; and

WHEREAS, it is our common aim to contribute to the welfare of our sons and daughters in the armed forces, wherever they may be, even to the point of sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we must also protect our families remaining at home in the event of any great man-made, or natural disaster, which may strike without warning; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is serving our fighting men the world over, bringing them the comfort and cheer that we ourselves would like to give them, and at the same time is prepared here in our own community to aid us in the event of disaster;

THEREFORE, I, Jacob C. Schmidt, Sr., Burgess of the Borough of Bristol, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, naming March as American Red Cross Month, do here and now call upon all citizens of this Borough to support the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, to the limit of their ability, by contributing to the Red Cross through our own local chapter; and I further urge that the citizens of this Borough with the knowledge that the Red Cross must carry a greater burden this year than ever before in its history, make their gifts larger to enable the Red Cross to meet every demand placed upon it.

JACOB C. SCHMIDT, SR., Burgess, Bristol, Pa., March 1, 1944.

54 TO LEAVE BOARD 4 AREA FOR SERVICE

Those from Quakertown Section Start Training Next Week

NAMES ARE PUBLISHED

QUAKERTOWN, Mar. 1.—Fifty-four selectees who passed their pre-induction physical examinations at Allentown recently will leave here next week for induction into the Army and Navy from Bucks County Local Draft Board No. 4 area. Included in the Navy contingent is Attorney Claire G. Biehn, of Quakertown.

Two others were inducted into the ship repair unit of the Navy at Allentown on Feb. 19. They are Francis W. Schmidt, 27, 325 S. 5th st., Perkassie, and Christian P. Gilbert, 33, 125 S. Main st., Sellersville.

Those who leave for the Navy induction on March 6 are as follows: Elmer M. Bishop, 35; Edward H. Moyer, 31; Richard M. Gilbert, 23, all of Sellersville. Clifford W. Benner, 18; Kenneth F. Bachman, 18; Walter A. Hardcastle, 23; Franklin Anderson, 35; Raymond Wisler, 37; Joseph G. Rantz, 31; Austin R. Neas, 22; Claire G. Biehn, 31; Edward O. Stikevears, 29; William C. Rantz, 36; Allen A. Porter, 35; Howard J. Kull, 26, all of Quakertown borough.

Paul P. Weber, 34; Charles W. Continued On Page Four

Mrs. Thomas Wilson Is Celebrant at a Dinner

CORNWELLS HEIGHTS, Mar. 1.—A surprise birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Thomas Wilson, who was celebrating her 52nd anniversary. It was arranged by her daughters, Mrs. William Dakin, Jr., Bensalem Township, and Mrs. James Brighter, Sr., on Feb. 29th.

The dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Dakin and dinner was served to: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Miss Rose Carlin, William Dakin, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Dakin, Jr., and daughters Rosella and Isabella, Mr. and Mrs. James Brighter, Sr., and children, "Jimmy" and Barbara Joan. Mrs. Wilson was presented with gifts.

CROYDON CIVIC GROUP DISCUSSES PROBLEMS

75 Residents Meet at Fire Station and Consider Problems

NEED STREET LIGHTS

CROYDON, Mar. 1.—About seventy-five people were present last evening at the Croydon Fire Station, when the newly-formed Civic Organization held its second meeting. Miss Beth Tyler, acting secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Richard Hutchison, general chairman, told of the many projects the organization would like to sponsor for the betterment of the community.

James E. Harris, speaking in behalf of street lights in the area which includes Croydon, Croydon Manor and Maple Shade, introduced Continued On Page Four

ANNIVERSARY ON 29TH

EDGELEY, Mar. 1.—Mrs. Frank Jackson, Bristol Pike, was one of the individuals who having a birthday anniversary on February 29th, yesterday had her first opportunity in four years to celebrate. Mrs. Jackson entertained a few friends at her home last evening.

Hundreds Being Laid Off At The Brewster Plant

JOHNSVILLE, Mar. 1.—Approximately 500 more workers were laid off yesterday by the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation at the Johns-ville plant. Four-hundred were laid off last week and another 400 are scheduled to go over the coming week-end.

The \$5,000,000 Johns-ville plant has been reduced to a single shift, with many of the night workers now working day work. At the peak, Brewster employed 6,500 men and women at the local plant, while the present number of employees is 3,500.

In spite of the fact there are rumors galore that the big plant will be closed here within three months, production is going along in a very efficient manner, with a number of planes ahead of schedule, it is reported.

"Brewster is producing, and doing a good job today with less than one-third the number of employees that were here several months ago," a spokesman for the company said today.

The lay-offs will continue, it is said, on the policy of seniority. One of the rumors is that no orders to justify continued production are coming through from the Navy, and that the plant will close as soon as the present contract for planes is completed.

Another rumor heard today from the lips of workers who were laid off last week is that Henry J. Kaiser, "miracle man of war production," will cut loose from Brewster in May.

Persons close to the Johns-ville plant think it possible that the rumored closing, if it takes place, will be brought about with the idea that work may be resumed later on a readjusted cost basis.

Bundle Your Scrap, Is Plea in Bristol Twp.

A plea is made to residents of Bristol Township to wrap up their scrap paper, bundle their rags, old rubber, and gather in convenient containers the old metal.

Raymond Sattler, chairman of the salvage committee in Bristol Township, urges that all scrap material possible be sought out in the different homes, and put into the war effort. A telephone call to Bristol 2321 will summon a volunteer worker to collect the material.

"A man-power shortage in the cutting of virgin pulpwood makes this step in collection of waste paper vital if military and civilian paper requirements are to be met," it is stated. The newspapers should be placed in piles of convenient size for handling, tied up, and the committeeman notified.

225 FROM AREA ARE EXAMINED FOR SERVICE

Leave Today for Philadelphia; Number of Fathers Are Included

NOT INDUCTED TODAY

Band members, American Legion representatives of Robert W. Bracken Post, women of the "36 for Victory," and others, braved a strong, cold wind this morning to see approximately 225 men from this area leave for physical examinations in Philadelphia. Said examinations may lead to service in the armed forces.

The 225 entraining today to be examined include some in classification 2-B, scheduled to be released by their employers during March or April. In the main the group members were in classification 1-A, and many are pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

The Bristol high school band played selections as the group gathered at the Bristol post office building, and later at the railroad station, the men leaving on the 8.20 train.

Members of "36 for Victory" distributed small gifts to the men.

The young men in this group will not be inducted today, but in the event they pass tests, be either re-classified or called in the near future.

On Monday next a number of men from the area covered by Local Selective Service Board No. 1 will start training in the army.

"Poverty" Party Is Held By Cornwells Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Cornwells Fire Co., No. 1, held a meeting on Monday, 21 members being present. Members voted to donate \$15 to the Red Cross; also to conduct a card party on March 22. Mrs. Charles Andrews will be chairlady.

After meeting a "poverty" party was conducted. The guests were penalized for jewelry, buttons and type of apparel. This netted \$5.56. Mrs. J. Whyte was chairman.

Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, popcorn and candy were served. The tables were decorated with newspapers, railroad lanterns, etc.

AIMING IN DRIVE

Mrs. John Browning will serve as canvasser in the Newport Heights and Washington avenue section of Bensalem Township in the Red Cross war fund drive.

LATEST NEWS BULLETINS

Abortive Attempt at Argentine Coup d'Etat Fails

Buenos Aires.—The Argentine Government today announced in an official statement that an abortive attempt at a coup d'etat staged by an army officer failed when his subordinates refused to follow him. The situation now is under control, the statement added, with the officer arrested.

In London, Reuter's news agency reported that former president Gen. Pedro Ramirez, for whose resumption of power the revolt allegedly was begun, declared in a telephone interview that "I am unable to give any data on which will resume the presidential functions."

"The most absolute order reigns in the country," the communique said.

British Forces Mop Up "Japs" Lost in Jungle

New Delhi.—Small parties of bewildered Japanese troops cut off and lost in the jungles at the rear of the Seventh Indian Division fell today to bayonet-wielding British forces which continued mopping up operations throughout the area. A "conservative estimate" of enemy troops slain or seriously wounded between Feb. 4 and Feb. 29 was placed by Lord Louis Mountbatten at 4,500 officers and men.

Allied Landings in Admiralty Islands Unopposed

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, New Guinea.—The first assault wave which landed on Los Negros Island in the surprise attack on the Admiralty Islands was without opposition, it was revealed today.

The second assault wave had reached the beach before the enemy realized that an attack was in progress, whereupon the Jap marines around the harbor and airfield rushed to machine guns and opened up what a spokesman described as "minor opposition."

Radio Tokyo Admits U. S. Landings in Admiralty Islands

New York.—Radio Tokyo admitted today in a broadcast to South America that United States forces have invaded the Admiralty Islands, but there was no indication as yet that the Japanese populace had been told.

War Training Program Greeted With Enthusiasm

The enthusiasm and interest with which local residents have greeted the free war training program offered here for the first time by the extension service of Pennsylvania State College, is shown in the number of persons who have availed themselves of the splendid opportunity to learn more about their war-time jobs.

Over 135 women and men enrolled Monday evening and last evening, and additional registrants will be accepted when classes open on March 6th in the Bristol high school cafeteria at seven p. m.

Among the 16 courses offered on the program to help boost production by training, the most popular proved to be: foundations of engineering, aircraft production processes, engineering, drafting, accounting and personnel management. All courses offered are direct requests of local war plants, and the majority of students enrolled thus far are employees of these same industries.

Chemists, secretaries, expeditors, air mechanics, supervisors and foremen are among those who will begin their class room studies next Monday evening.

For further information concerning this technical training, write or call the Penna. State College Extension Service, 218 Board of Education Building, Philadelphia; or the local U. S. Employment Service, Bristol 869.

Youth Center To Open Tonight at Andalusia

ANDALUSIA, Mar. 1.—The Youth Center, which is to be sponsored in Bensalem Township by the Bensalem Rotary Club, will open this evening in King Hall, Bristol Pike. The Center will be for use of all residents of Bensalem Township, aged 12 to 18 years.

A fine program is arranged for tonight. The center, which will be open a few nights each week, will provide a place of recreation for local young people.

RETURNS TO BASE

Pvt. Fred Field has returned to his base at Camp Pickett, Va., after spending several days' furlough with his mother, Mrs. F. Field, Franklin street.

COUNCILMAN A GRANDFATHER

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Philadelphia, are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter yesterday in a Philadelphia hospital. Mr. Clark, now in the armed forces of the United States, was home on a furlough when the child was born. He is the son of Councilman and Mrs. Thomas Clark, of Jefferson avenue.

RESIGNS AS TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

John Johnson To Be Succeeded By Ralph Ratcliffe For Unexpired Term

TO JOIN ARMED FORCES

The resignation of John Johnson as treasurer of Bristol School District was received at a special meeting of the Bristol School Board last night. Ralph Ratcliffe was named as Johnson's successor to fill the unexpired term. Johnson Continued On Page Four

Classified Ads deliver the goods

NAME SOLICITORS FOR RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

Capt. and Group of Workers Appointed for Every District

WILL START AT ONCE

American Red Cross Service Flag to be Displayed In Windows Here

DISPLAY FLAGS AND POSTERS

All captains for the Red Cross War Fund drive are asked to display the Red Cross flag and poster at their homes and all workers are asked to display the window posters at their homes. By Walter Pitzonka, War Fund chairman of the Bristol Branch.

Today solicitors for the Bristol Branch of the American Red Cross begin their visits to residents here in behalf of the War Fund Drive. Every resident in the Bristol area is to be visited and asked to contribute to the War Fund.

Millions of homes throughout the United States will display the American Red Cross service flag in front windows again this year signifying participation in the 1944 Red Cross War Fund.

Early indications are that some three million men and women volunteers of the Red Cross will participate nationally in the annual home-to-home canvass for the \$200,000,000 Fund needed to carry forward the gigantic task of the Red Cross throughout the world.

These workers, representing the 3756 chapters and 6084 branches of the Red Cross, have spent weeks preparing for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, the most important wartime campaign in the organization's history. Each volunteer will carry with him credentials indicating his official connection during the drive.

Today, Mrs. William Groff, chairman of reports, announced the following solicitors for the Bristol area.

First Ward, Miss Marion Smith, captain; Mrs.—Wilbur Albright, Mrs. George Bruden, Mrs. A. Russell Burton, Mrs. William K. Fine, Mrs. Paul Forster, Mrs. Louis B. Giron, Mrs. J. J. Hargrave, Mrs. Harold Hunter, Miss Clara King, Mrs. Frederick I. Kraft, Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. Howard R. Thornton, Mrs. Samuel Updike, Mrs. Robert F. Wright.

Second Ward, Miss Frances Landreth, captain; Mrs. Elwood P. Joslin, Miss Lucia M. Cloney, Mrs. J. F. Anderson, Mrs. A. Vanuxem Morris, Jr., Mrs. Julia Keenan, Mrs. Dudley E. Bell, Mrs. Stanley Whittemore, Mrs. Frederick Durkin, Miss Ellen Downing.

Third Ward, Mrs. Richard Myers, captain; Miss Jane Brownlee, Miss Dorothy Harrison, Mrs. Gilbert Lovett, Mrs. Edward Stetson, Mrs. Frank Weik, Mrs. Walter Downing, Mrs. John Paul, Mrs. Maile Court, Mrs. Lewis Worthington.

Fourth Ward, Miss Winifred Tracy, captain; Mrs. Roy Tracy, Mrs. Louis Townsend, Miss Anna Paul, Miss Betty Gallagher, Miss Jean Angus, Miss Mary Elmer, Miss Dolores Listorti, Miss Natalie Mori.

Fifth Ward, Mrs. Robert Brooks, captain; Miss Alice Burns, Mrs. Lester D. Thorne, Mrs. Thomas R. Knox, Mrs. William Murray, Mrs. Jane Rogers, Mrs. Verna Miller, Mrs. Rita Cordisco, Miss Marie Buchler.

Sixth Ward, lower section: Mrs. Albert G. Loehner, captain; Mrs. L. Joyce, Mrs. Lee VanGilder, Mrs. H. W. Spencer, Mrs. Samuel Shire, Mrs. Serrill Dedeelson, Mrs. W. P. Snyder, Mrs. P. Waters, Mrs. Earl McEuen, Mrs. Russell Crosby, Mrs. Charles Peet.

Sixth Ward, upper section: Mrs. Angus Gillies, Sr., captain; Mrs. Samuel Moore, Mrs. Peggy Cantwine, Mrs. Percy Ford, Mrs. Jean Hubbard, Mrs. Wilson Black, Mrs. Harry Goleen, Mrs. James Richardson.

Tullytown: Mrs. George Wright, Continued On Page Four

WHAT OUR BOYS ARE DOING TO WIN THE WAR

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill., Mar. 1.—Private First Class Vincent V. Elinich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Elinich, Whittier Ave., Andalusia, Pa., has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Forces Training Command. While attending this Army Air Forces Training Command school he received instruction in the electrical course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes.

Select Cast for Senior Play at Langhorne High

LANGHORNE, Mar. 1—The cast for the Langhorne-Middletown senior play, "High Pressure Homer," has been chosen.

The characters are the following members of the class: Mrs. Chester Woodruff, Alice Sewzok; Chester Woodruff, Robert Reed; Junior Woodruff, Merle Schoenfeld; Boots Woodruff, Elizabeth Couse; Arlene Woodruff, Jean Thomas; Zenith Woodruff, Charlotte Knapp; Aunt Cora, Virginia Goll; Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Jane Jacobs; Bunny Taylor, Mildred Knisely; Homer Hampton Haywood, Clayton Richmond; Wade Wainright, Edward La Combe; Chelwynde Cluett, Roy Flack.

The play is a comedy of family life. Each member of the family has a special "hobby."

Charles T. Shane, a member of the faculty, is directing the play. The date will be announced later.

In a Personal Way ---

INTERESTING items of news mainly about people you know. A chronicle of the activities of the people of Bristol; their goings and comings. ---

To arrange for publication of weddings, telephone The Bristol Courier, Bristol 846, notifying at least a few days in advance the date of ceremony.

Engagement announcements must be submitted in writing.

Mrs. Francis Ellis, Lafayette street, John Ellis, P. O. 3/c, Sampson, N. Y.; Mrs. Leslie Moss and daughter "Betsy" Lee, Garfield street, spent a day the latter part of the week visiting Abraham Lynch, Pinehill, N. J.

Miss Theresa Dennen, Jackson street, and Miss Kay Phillips, Croydon, left Sunday for Lewistown, where they are remaining until Wednesday with Miss Phillips' relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Halpin, Landreth Manor, and Daniel Halpin, S. 2/c, Sampson, N. Y., were guests during the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Sechold and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mayfair.

Miss Alberta Brown, Garfield street, and Mrs. Gary VanSoest and daughter Irene, Hayes street, spent the week-end in Garfield, N. J., visiting relatives of Mrs. VanSoest.

Kenneth Clifton, of the U. S. Navy, Sampson, N. Y., spent the week-end with his family in Landreth Manor.

Mrs. Inez Fowler and son Jerry, Elmhurst, L. I., spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis, Buckley street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Moss, Garfield street, entertained at dinner on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ellis and daughter, Miss Sarah Ellis, Lafayette street; Mrs. How-

Today's Quiet Moment

(By the Rev. James R. Galley)
Pastor

Bristol Presbyterian Church

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, convict us of our sin. Let us see within ourselves those things which are keeping us from a complete consecration and devotion to Thee. Turn the light of Thy Word upon our lives and hearts and reveal to us those things within us which do not conform to Thy Will, and which do not bring glory to Thy Name. Deliver us from a sense of personal worthiness, and let us realize that our own righteousness will not avail us the life which we desire and seek. Lead us to the person of Christ, Thy Son, Who, hearing our confession, will be ready and willing to cleanse us of all unrighteousness and accept us as righteous in His sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ard Smoyer, Bristol Terrace; John Ellis, P. O. 3/c, Sampson, N. Y., and wife, Mrs. John Ellis, Bristol Terrace; Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis, Edgely.

Thomas McDonald, S. 2/c, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Kornstedt, Jefferson avenue, who is somewhere in Italy, has been promoted to seaman first class.

Miss Margaret Wildman, Dorance street, has resigned her position in the Farmers' National Bank, and has accepted a position in the freight office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.

Edgar Hickey, who has been a patient in Mercer Hospital, Trenton, N. J., for sinus operation, has returned to his home on McKinley street.

Mrs. William Simons, Otter street, who was a patient in St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, N. J., for nine weeks, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Hampton are moving this week from 407 Radcliffe street to North Radcliffe street.

Mrs. James Richardson, Wilson avenue, left on Thursday for Buffalo, N. Y., where she is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Richardson.

Mrs. Pearl Ancker and son Robert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are paying a visit to Miss Mary Wilkinson, 328 Mill street.

Mrs. J. J. McNichol, of 711 Bath street, underwent an operation in Frankford Hospital, last week. Mrs. McNichol is improving nicely.

STATE BRIEFS

WESLEYVILLE—(INS)—A Wesleyville apartment owner doesn't like the rent control act and wants

Coming Events

Organizations whose announcements are printed in this column can reciprocate by having all printing in connection with announced events done by the publishers of this paper. Information must be complete when first given as alterations cannot be made after they have been put into type. The Courier requests that individuals or organizations refrain from asking to have published in this column or elsewhere in The Courier, or any other games of chance, or any other games of chance, or any other games of chance, or any other games of chance.

Mar. 15—Luncheon given by Ladies' Auxiliary of Union Fire Co., 12 noon for business employees, 12:30 p. m. for others.

the public to know it. He has placed the following notice on his apartment: "This beautiful new furnished apartment will not be for rent for the duration due to the unfair rental set by the Rent Control Board."

BROWNSVILLE—(INS)—A united or federated Europe is advocated by Gerhart H. Segar, former German Reichstag member, to guarantee world peace. Segar, an American citizen, told a Brownsville group that American and Russian collaboration was essential to prevent a third world war within 25 years.

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Yes, it is true, there is a safe, harmless, medicated liquid called Kleerex that dries up pimples over night. Those who followed simple directions and applied Kleerex upon retiring were amazingly surprised when they found their pimples had disappeared. These users enthusiastically praise Kleerex and claim they are no longer embarrassed and are now happy with their clear complexion. Don't take our word for it, use Kleerex tonight. Only 50c. If one application does not satisfy, you get your money back. There is no risk so do not hesitate. Sold and recommended by United Pharmacy, 251 Mill St., Bristol.

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CHELTHENHAM—(INS)—The Cochrane Foundation of Scotland is richer today by \$1,095,386, awarded it by the Montgomery County Orphans' Court from the estate of the late Charles P. Cochrane, its founder. Cochrane was a Philadelphia rug manufacturer.

ON THE SCREENS

GRAND THEATRE
Glowing with sincerity and realism, RKO Radio's new starring vehicle for Pat O'Brien, "The Iron Major," opened at the Grand Theatre yesterday and proved to be an impressive human document.

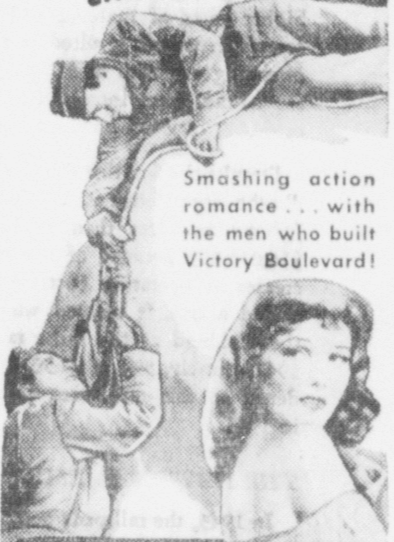
The film brings to life the inspiring career of the late Major Frank Cavanaugh, famous football coach and World War I hero who led his regiment at Verdun with the same dauntless spirit with which he led his grid squads at Dartmouth and Holy Cross and Fordham. A man

Ritz Theatre

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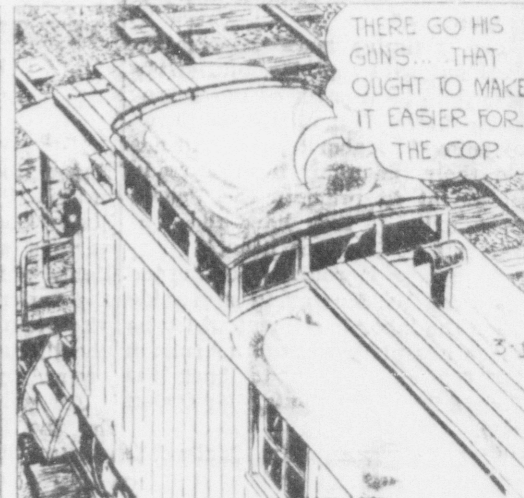
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THURS., FRI., SAT.—OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND in "GOVERNMENT GIRL"

MT. HOLLY FIVE TO PLAY ROHM & HAAS HERE TONIGHT

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LOCALS LEAD LEAGUE

Men and Women Teams To Play Games Sunday Afternoon

The league-leading Rohm and Haas team will clash with the Mt. Holly Eagles tonight in a Burlington-Bristol circuit fracas on the Rohm and Haas Social Club floor. Tip-off is scheduled for eight o'clock.

Mt. Holly is one of the four teams that will participate in the playoffs. The Rohm and Haas club has first place clinched, holding a one-game lead over the second place Riverside team. The other two in the playoffs is the Burlington Reds.

The season will close March 8th with the playoffs beginning March 13th. All playoff games will be on the Burlington High School floor. Both the boys' and girls' teams of the Rohm and Haas company will swing into action again Sunday. The Rohm and Haas lassies will play the Top Road sextet, of the Trenton Girls' League. In the preliminary game while in the main contest, the Rohm and Haas boys meet the Trenton Metropolitan League All Stars.

Opening tip-off will take place at 2:30 o'clock.

54 To Leave Board 4 Area For Service

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Wimmer, 29; Earl J. Underkoffler, 18, all of Perkasie.

Michael Ewanuk, 25; Alfred Kline, 37; William R. Crouthamel, Jr., 18, all of Quakertown R. D.

Harvey H. Gray, 35, Raubsville; Paul M. Weisenborn, 35, Almont; Charles J. Reinford, 33, Spring Mount (formerly of Perkasie); Harold N. Phillips, 25, Sellersville R. D. 1; Clyde W. Benner, 35, 622 Giffender avenue, Lansdale (formerly of Perkasie); Edgar P. Rat-sell, 30, Trumbauersville; Harry Stevens, 24, 124 E. 4th st., Bethlehem (formerly of Springtown); Charles H. Heffelfinger, 21, 1530 Spruce st., Easton; John H. Siegfried, 18, Rigelsville.

The following will leave for induction into the Army on March 7: James Adolph Groff, 25; Charles M. Sowers, 37, both of Perkasie. Alfred W. Weidemeyer, 33, Ira S. Waud, 31, both of Sellersville.

Robert J. Horne, 37, Clarence W. Ketterer, 25; Peter Niemy, 28, all of Quakertown R. D.

Arthur D. Fretz, 28, Sellersville R. D.; Clair W. Stahler, 25, Richlandtown; Raymond E. Stull, 28, Bedminster; Dallas Quaker, 25, Quakertown; Eugene E. Petryk, 25, Coopersburg R. D. 1; John L. McWold, 37, Souderton, formerly of Quakertown; Francis Anders Hilenbrand, 34, Pennsburg, formerly of Trumbauersville; Harry L. Furchner, 29, Springtown; Miles A. Lewis, 26, 1324 No. Hall st., Allentown, formerly of Spinnerstown; Clarence Arthur Balliet, 35, Perkasie R. D. 1; Lloyd E. Gross, 26, 417 N. 9th st., Reading, formerly of Quakertown; Wilmer H. Greizinger, 32, Trumbauersville; Frank S. Lerr, Jr., 19, Pennsburg R. D. 1; Willard J. Mindler, 18, Coopersburg R. D. 1; John L. Black, 18, Rigelsville; John Pavlica, 18, Kintnersville; Paul S. Mindler, 24, Richlandtown.

Says Murray Should Act Like McDevitt

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He also has the right to be a delegate to a national convention. As a labor leader he should not engage in a movement which will destroy labor," Mr. Owlett said.

"Mr. McDevitt, therefore, is to be congratulated for his courage in refusing to use his position as a state labor leader to lead his members into a Fourth Term conspiracy. It is my contention that individual members of unions should be free to make their own political decisions without being coerced by the men higher up.

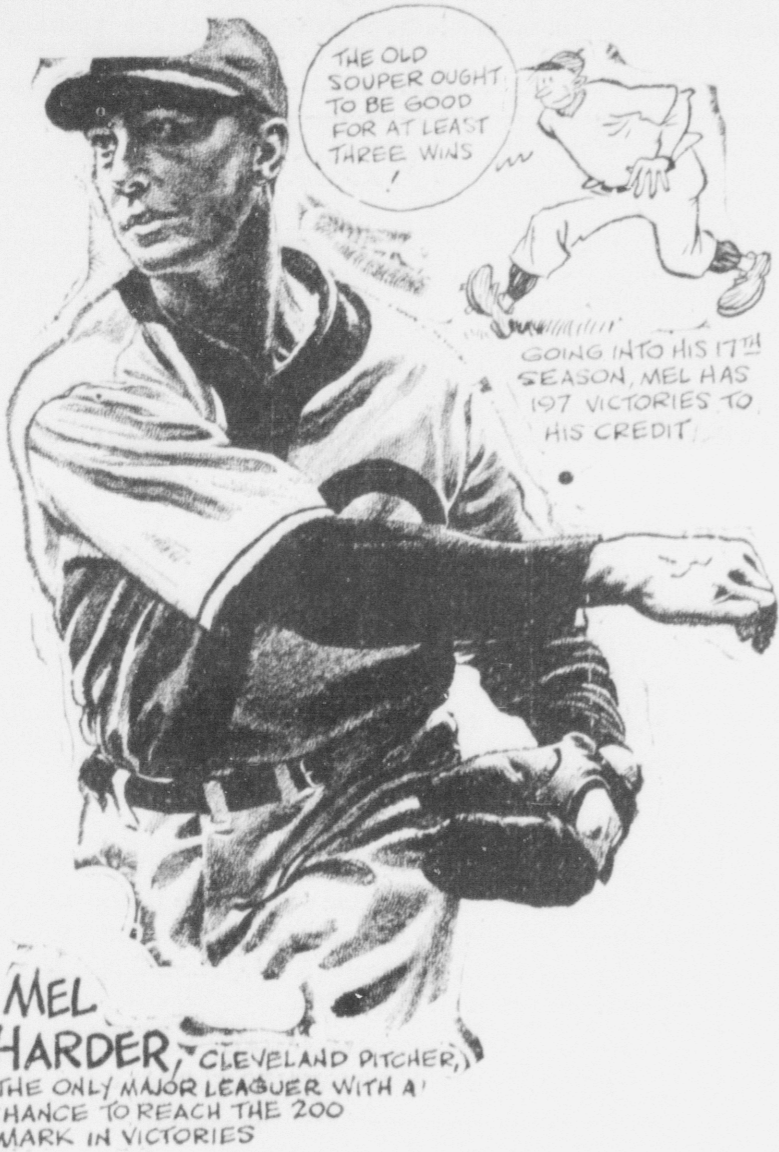
"By his action, Mr. McDevitt has repudiated the Fourth Term motives of the Democratic state leaders who slated him. Mr. McDevitt apparently realizes that a Fourth Term would be as fatal to labor as to industry."

The Manufacturers' Association president said that Mr. McDevitt's refusal to be a pawn of the Democratic State Committee "confirms my point that labor leaders will not use their position in the trade movement to promote the Fourth Term drive if they have the real interests of labor at heart."

"I suppose it would be asking too much for Mr. Murray to step aside when the labor movement which he heads has pledged itself to raise a \$700,000 slush fund to back the Fourth Term candidate," Mr. Owlett said.

"By inference, Mr. McDevitt's withdrawal is as serious a criticism of Mr. Murray as any I could make."

ONE OF THE 200 - - - By Jack Sords



Mr. Owlett, who in a speech last week referred to certain types of labor leaders as "money-hungry, dues-chasing opportunists," said that Mr. Murray obviously has a good reason for wanting to be a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

"He has a big investment to protect and will be there to see that the CIO is not handed any other candidate but the Man in the White House!"

"Why does Mr. Murray want Mr. Roosevelt as the hand-picked candidate of the CIO? Why is the CIO willing to bankroll the Fourth Term gentleman to the extent of \$700,000?"

"I said before and I repeat: Mr. Murray's brand of labor leadership is interested only in the kind of government which encourages its acquisitive tendencies at the expense of both labor and industry. This is the same brand of leadership subscribed to by John L. Lewis, Sidney Hillman, Joe Curran and others who are feeding off the sweat and labors of real American workers."

"The public is sick and tired of the persistent carping of these labor leaders who have been coddled so much by the New Deal that they now consider themselves bigger than the government which spawned them."

"These are the men who would make over and change our government so that it would follow a pattern foreign to the American Constitution. These are the men who have repeatedly broken their no-strike pledge to gain personal ends. These are the men who have wagged insolent fingers at the President and flaunted their vote-getting sorcery to bewitch and beguile the Democratic high command."

"I do not believe that these men exemplify the spirit and purpose of the TRUE labor leader who should believe in the principles of private enterprise as scrupulously and energetically as any industrialist. The real labor leader must realize by now that the progress of American workmen is irrevocably linked with the progress of private enterprise."

"We have seen evidence day by day that men high in the ranks of organized labor are breaking away from the magic spell the New Deal once cast over them. We know that the right-thinking, unbiased leaders of labor are fed up with bureaucracy, regimentation, silly directives and keyhole snooping by New Deal stooges who move with the efficiency of a man standing in a bear trap!"

"Mr. McDevitt's statement shows that he is one of those who recognizes the Fourth Term as an invitation to national disaster!"

"It is heartening to note from Mr. McDevitt's statement that he has never received any monies from any source whatsoever other than a stipulated salary covering the work for which he was employed." This statement I cheerfully accept."

Croydon Civic Group Discusses Problems

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Major Hoot, illuminating engineer of the Philadelphia Electric Co. Major Hoot presented to the group various ways to obtain the street lights which are so badly needed in the entire area. Members were invited to ask questions pertaining to the lights and these were ably answered by the major.

An enlightening talk was given by the Rev. Theodore Kohlmeier, pastor of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, on juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Harris again spoke briefly on street markings, playgrounds, rural

free delivery and other improvements needed.

Fire Chief William Smith speaking for the Croydon Fire Company asked for many more volunteers. Due to the many members serving the armed forces and those employed in defense plants working shift work, the firemen find themselves short-handed. Chief Smith volunteered to show anyone interested how to man the pumps and run the trucks.

Members were asked to bring a neighbor with them at the next meeting as it is of interest to everyone living in the community.

Committees will be appointed at the next meeting which will be held March 7th, at the fire station. Refreshments were served to all present by several of the women of the organization.

14 Remote-Controlled Tanks Destroyed Near Rome by Allied Fire

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ward its target from afar, was sighted during the second German onslaught against Fifth Army beachhead positions—but none of them reached our lines.

Today's communique said that Monday night, the Germans attacked twice midway between Carroceto and Cisterna. On Tuesday morning, what appeared to be a full-scale enemy attack was developing on the eastern end of the perimeter nearest the Tyrrhenian Sea.

The Mediterranean Allied air force, in a 700-sortie day during which Rome's suburbs were rocked by bombs, carried out support from the Tyrrhenian sea to the Dalmatian coast.

Name Solicitors for Red Cross War Fund Campaign

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captain; Mrs. Henry Clay, Mrs. Fred Bachofer, Mrs. Charles Carson, Mrs. Rufus King, Mrs. Helen Nichols, Miss Lucy Sihl.

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Bristol Terrace: Mrs. John Gallagher, captain; Miss Dorothy Case, Mrs. Mark Sweetland, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Calvin Griffin, Mrs. Pauline Stevens, Mrs. Paul Krupp, Mrs. Alice Fahlburg, Mrs. Clarence Stackhouse.

The War at A Glance

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the future. Tactically, it tightens the blockade of the enemy's remaining bases. Their supply lines are definitely and conclusively severed and only a minimum of blockade running, by submarine or individual surface craft, is now possible.

"The end of the Bismarck campaign is now clearly in sight with a minimum of loss to ourselves."

The communique also revealed that two more air raids were carried out against Rabaul without encountering Jap air resistance. A pre-dawn raid was followed by a 161-ton assault by Solomons-based bombers.

Other American bombers under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's command plastered seven Marshall Island atolls still in Jap hands; smashed Ponape, enemy outpost in the Carolines and guardian of Truk, and Kusaie, midway between the Marshalls and Carolines.

The war in Europe was highlighted by the belief in Moscow that Finland will be out of the war within a matter of days. This opinion developed after Russia's six-point armistice offer was made public as the price Helsinki must pay for peace.

A Moscow dispatch to Reuters described Soviet optimism that the peace terms will be acceptable to the Finns. The plan calls for Finnish severance of ties with Germany, seizure of Nazi troops and ships in Finland, restoration of the 1940 Russo-Finn treaty and boundary, and leaves open to discussion several controversial subjects.

Resigns As Treasurer Of School District

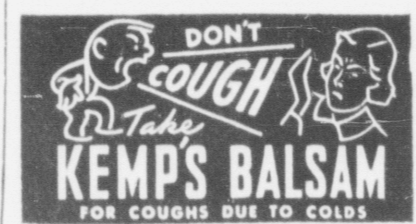
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leaves Monday to join the armed forces.

The meeting, last night, was presided over by Earl McEuen, vice-president in the absence of S. Bradley Ardrey, the president.

The secretary of the Board was instructed to notify the borough auditors and have the books audited. Johnson's bondsmen will be relieved of their responsibility as soon as the books have checked.

Permission was given to the Civil Aeronautics Authority to use the high school gymnasium in which to train youths previous to induction into the air corps.



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Wartime Report of the Pennsylvania Railroad

SUMMARY OF 97th ANNUAL REPORT which was mailed to stockholders at the end of February. Operating revenues increased \$141,298,532 over 1942. Operating expenses increased \$109,369,984. Taxes increased \$55,826,689, or 44.8% over the previous year. Net income was \$85,418,484, a decrease of \$16,050,309.

THE YEAR 1943

The war continued to dominate the ever increasing transportation effort. While performance was highly satisfactory from the standpoint of meeting every demand of the war emergency, it could not of necessity be wholly adequate from the standpoint of the character of the service performed, particularly the passenger service. Nevertheless, considering the abnormal conditions that prevailed throughout the year, the results as a whole can be viewed as a creditable achievement. There was a heavy increase in the volume of business handled, the railroad being operated to a greater capacity than ever before.

Notwithstanding decreases in rates, operating revenues increased \$141,298,532 due to the greater volume of traffic, both passenger and freight, but this very fact, together with higher costs of material and fuel and increases in wages, resulted in an increase in operating expenses of \$109,369,984. At the same time, taxes increased by \$55,826,689, or 44.8%, over the previous year.

Despite the fact that the Company in 1943 did the largest business in its history, its Net Income was less than in 1942 by some \$16,050,309 because of the substantial increases in operating costs and taxes mentioned above. It seemed wise to maintain the dividend at the same rate as paid in 1942, namely, 5%, or \$2.50 per share. Dividends at this rate were accordingly paid in 1943.

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY

In 1943, the railroads performed a service unequalled in the history of transportation. They were called upon to handle a volume of freight and passenger traffic exceeding that of the record year 1942.

The ability of the railroads to handle this record volume of traffic was due to further improvements in facilities and operating methods; to splendid cooperation between the railroads, the shippers and employees, the Army and Navy, and other agencies of Government, and to the continued helpful attitude of the Office of Defense Transportation.

The railroads look to the future with the conviction that they will keep in the forefront of industrial progress, and will meet successfully the competition to be expected. They are convinced that no other form of transportation can supplant the railroads unless unintelligent regulation, excessive subsidization of competitors or inequitable taxes shall so overburden them as to deprive them of equality of opportunity, an essential in any sound economic order.

TAXES

The railroads, always a heavily taxed industry, are accustomed to bearing their full share of the cost of government, and well realize that any excessive profits derived from the war effort should be subject to taxation as are the excess profits of any other industry; but the determination of what profits are excessive should not ignore the plain facts respecting the railroad industry, its position and needs.

During the last several decades, the necessities of regulation have made it necessary

for most of the financing by the railroads to be done with borrowed money for which they are not given adequate credit in calculating return on investment. Again, the railroads have not been, like other industries, in a position to carry adequate charges for depreciation and obsolescence-amortization, and income which should properly be charged off for these purposes is subject to the excess profits tax. Thus, the railroads find a large part of what is, in fact, no more than a reasonable return on their investment treated as excess profits and subjected to an enormous excess profits tax, where in fact no excess profits exist.

The effect on the railroads of the so-called excess profits tax is not only to deprive them of a reasonable return on their investment, but to prevent them from laying aside out of current earnings the reserves needed for future expenditures which are being made inevitable by wartime conditions and the pressure of wartime traffic.

Sound public policy not only justifies but should require the accumulation by the railroads of large post-war reserves to meet post-war changes in transportation practices and methods, but the tax policy of the Government is heading them along the same unfortunate path as at the close of the last war, when the railroads had to borrow large sums of money and go into debt to revamp their properties.

Today, while the railroads are doing the largest business in their history, it would be advantageous not only to them, but also to the public at large and to railroad employees as a whole, if the tax laws were amended so as to permit the creation now of the reserves needed for post-war rehabilitation, with resulting greater employment in the post-war period.

FUNDED DEBT

The Pennsylvania Railroad System has retired or purchased during the year debt in the hands of the public amounting to \$45,354,220, which, after allowing for the issuance of \$12,240,000 Equipment Trust Obligations, makes a net reduction in debt of System Companies in the hands of the public of \$33,114,220.

During the last five years, there has been a net reduction of \$124,000,000 in the debt of the System in the hands of the public.

STOCKHOLDERS

The Capital Stock of the Company at the close of the year was owned by 209,618 stockholders, an increase of 3,653 compared with December 31, 1942, with an average holding of 62.8 shares.

The management is always appreciative of the cooperation extended by security holders, the public and employees. It recognizes its responsibility to keep the stockholders, the employees and the public generally, informed as to the Company's business, service, finances and other important matters, which is done through advertising in newspapers and magazines, in announcements to the press and in the dissemination of information in other forms, as well as in the annual report.

THE EMPLOYEES

The Board takes pleasure in acknowledging the continued efficiency and loyalty of the employees, which made possible the handling of a volume of traffic exceeding that of any year in the history of the Company.

44,448 employees of the System have entered the Armed Forces, serving in every part of the world, of whom 123 have made the supreme sacrifice.

Many thousands of new employees have had to be trained to take their places, including 21,730 women who are now in the railroad service.

Never were the demands upon the employees so great; never have they met the burden more efficiently and more courageously.

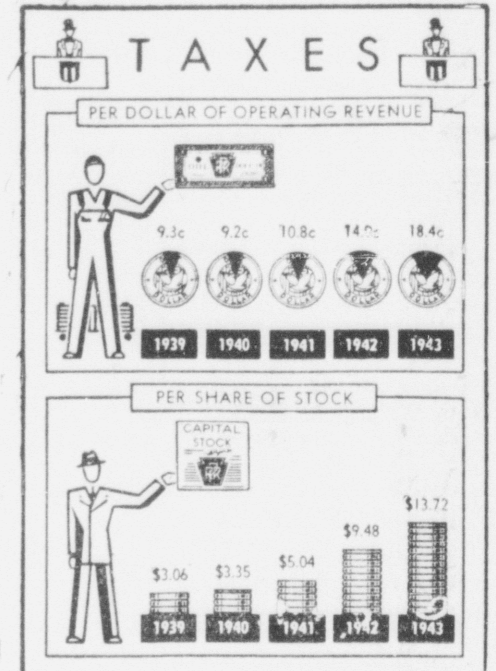
M. W. CLEMENT, President

OPERATING RESULTS		1943	Comparison with 1942
Operating Revenues		\$979,773,155	I \$141,298,532
Operating Expenses		663,510,711	I 109,369,984
Net Revenue		316,262,444	I 31,928,548
Taxes		180,405,491	I 55,826,689
Railway Operating Income		135,856,953	D 23,898,141
Hire of Equipment and Joint Facility Rents		8,310,542	D 6,166,208
Net Railway Operating Income		127,546,411	D 17,731,935
Non-Operating Income, chiefly dividends and interest on securities owned		42,503,518	I 1,406,637
Gross Income		170,049,929	D 16,325,296
Fixed Charges, chiefly rentals paid to leased roads, and interest on the Company's debt		84,631,445	D 274,987
Net Income		85,418,484	D 16,050,309
Appropriations to Sinking and Other Funds, etc.		1,924,119	D 794,112
Retirement of matured Debt—Penna. R. R. Co. (Does not include \$28,425,431 of matured debt of leased lines retired)		17,311,000	D 13,069,000
Dividend of 5% (\$2.50 per share)		32,919,385	
Transferred to credit of Profit and Loss		33,263,980	D 2,187,197

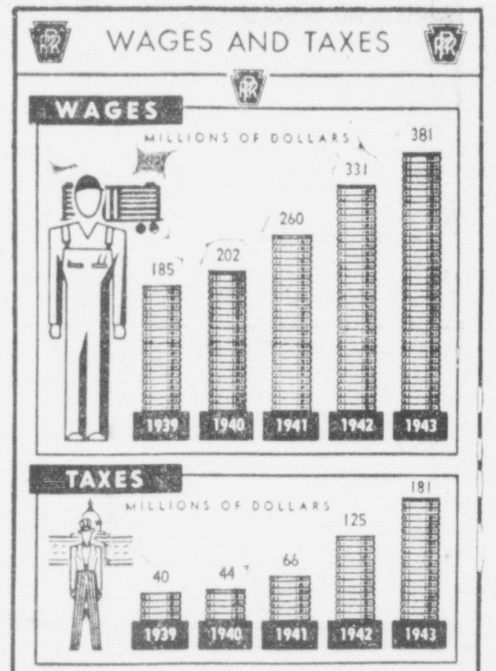
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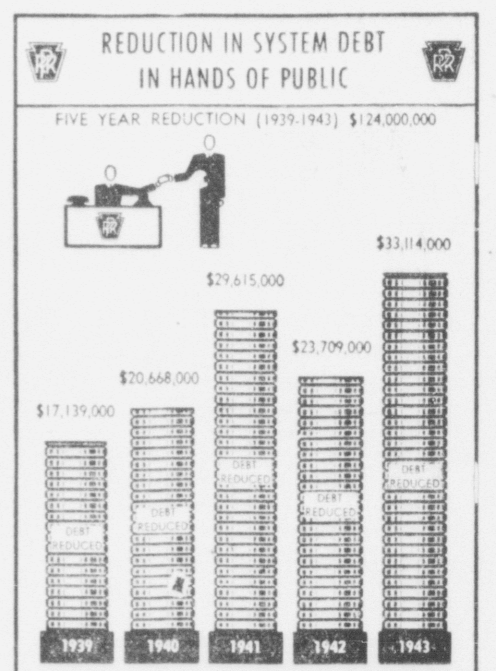
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Taken as a whole—taxes—the Company's chief burden, amounted to 18.4 cents out of each dollar of operating revenue, the equivalent of 27.4% upon the Capital Stock, or \$13.72 per share, an increase of \$4.24 per share over 1942. As a result of the heavy increase in taxes, the Net Income of the Company was less than in 1942, notwithstanding the large increases in revenues from operations.



Recent wage increases, together with vacations with pay, based on present force, are estimated to increase the expenses of the Company by approximately \$45,000,000 annually.



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